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AGREEMENT

D/NRO and JCS-JRC

- I. This agreement formalizes arrangements for NRO utilization of technical and operational resources of DOD for support and, in some cases, execution of airborne reconnaissance operations.
- II. The peacetime resources of the NRO and DOD covered by this agreement include: (a) peripheral and special mission aircraft, certain aircraft now conducting assigned overflight missions, certain drone aircraft and advanced manned aircraft under development; and, (b) all aircraft and ground facilities necessary for the logistic and operational support provided other missions.
- III. During periods of war or tension, as defined by the Secretary of Defense by agreement with the DCI, or by higher authority, and over such areas or territories as may be designated by such authority, airborne reconnaissance missions will become the responsibility of the JCS and necessary control and resources will be transferred from the NRO as required.
- IV. In order to ensure, inter alia, that: (a) such a transfer of mission control, as noted in III., can be accomplished efficiently when required;

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(b) that complete technical and operational coordination between current and future JCS and NRO missions is provided, including mission status reporting; (c) that the Joint Chiefs are kept fully informed on all mission planning and status; (d) that the logistic and operational support provided other missions can be presented to and reviewed by the JCS with adequate lead times; (e) that such technical and planning support as is directed by the D/NRO is provided to assist him in management of the NRO related resources of paragraph II; (f) and that vehicles under NRO-DOD control, currently under development, which could be used for overflight purposes, when and if such missions are assigned, are supported by mission plans and resource allocations acceptable to the D/NRO and JCS, the D/NRO and the JCS agree that:

1. The Chief JRC will assume appropriate staff duties for the D/NRO, and will make the services of JRC available as the D/NRO directs, to arrange for implementation required by the preceding considerations.

2. The duties of the JRC vis-a-vis the JCS and NRO will be in accordance with existing directives, understandings, and arrangements concerning resources noted in paragraph II. (a), (b), amplified where necessary to reflect additional functions assigned to the JRC by the D/NRO.

V. Specific additional duties assigned to the JRC will reflect the above considerations in a manner agreeable to the D/NRO and JCS.

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VI. Except as specified above, nothing in this agreement alters existing arrangements for the conduct of NRO airborne reconnaissance missions and the technical and logistic support thereof by the JCS and the military Services; nor does it alter the basic NRO agreement of 13 March 1963 between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense.

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~~1. A/C ops assigned to the CIA~~

The NRO-IRC OAC serves in a staff  
capacity to the DAKO and does not  
and will not have decision making  
or operational planning control or direction  
over A/C ops assigned to the CIA.  
This authority and function remain  
with Dir Program B/AD/ISA, CIA.